GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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CONTRACT SYSTEM IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether contract system for engaging labourers in coal mines is continuing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the mines in which this system is going on; and

(c) the number of labourers employed under this system during each of the last two years and till date and the amount spent thereon, mine-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries do not engage any labour on contract for execution of work of permanent and perennial nature. However, jobs which do not fall under the prohibited categories under Section 10 of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 are awarded to contractors who engage their own workers. These jobs include-

(a) Mechanical loading and transportation of coal by hiring HEMM.The works relates to mechanical loading and transportation of coal from quarry bed to stock-yard/coal handling plant or from quarry bed to siding;

(b) Transportation of coal from pit-head to sidings;

(c) Transportation of sand from river bed to sand bunkers to colleries;

(d) Civil Construction and maintenance of buildings;

(e) Non-permanent and non-perennial nature of work like shaft sinking, stone drifting, dyke cutting, cleaning of siding track, track packing and underground masonry work;

(f) Sanitation and cleaning wherever the work is of part time nature;

(g) Watch and word of some of colliery sites, installations and buildings by engagement of ex-servicemen;

(h) Other jobs which are permitted by Government through notification by granting exemption from the provisions of Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

(c): The total number of contract labourers working in the mines of various subsidiaries of Coal India Limited engaged by contractual agencies is given below:

COMPANY	AS ON 1.4.2000	AS ON 1.4.2001
Eastern Coalfields Limited	4349	3952
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	2385	2481
Central Coalfields Limited	7000	7000
Western Coalfields Limited	5921	5602
South Eastern Coalfields Limited	15797	13255
Mahanadi Coalfields Limited	4971	7234
Northern Coalfields Limited	6780	3320
North Eastern Coalfields	550	700

Central Mine Planning & Desin Institute Limited	310	379
Total:	48063	43923

Expenditure on contractual work company-wise for the last 2 years i.e. 1999-2000 and 1998-99 is given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

COMPANY	1999-2000	1998-1999
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	68.82	65.29
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	73.61	61.29
Central Coalfields Ltd.	165.48	174.94
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	64.54	57.62
Western Coalfields Ltd.	169.32	147.96
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	204.23	181.95
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	177.16	167.74
Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd.	4.75	16.01
North Eastern Coalfields/ CIL	21.21	22.82
Total:	949.12	895.94

Account for the year 2000-2001 is under audit.